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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I do NOT agree with the current settlement agreement between the DOJ and Microsoft. The reasons below are my primary concern...

1. The PFJ allows Microsoft to retaliate against any OEM that ships Personal Computers containing a competing Operating System but no Microsoft operating system.
2. The PFJ allows Microsoft to discriminate against small OEMs -- including regional 'white box' OEMs which are historically the most willing to install competing operating systems -- who ship competing software.
3. The PFJ allows Microsoft to offer discounts on Windows (MDAs) to OEMs based on criteria like sales of Microsoft Office or Pocket PC systems. This allows Microsoft to leverage its monopoly on Intel-compatible operating systems to increase its market share in other areas.

If these practices are allowed to continue, I believe that the anti-competitive behavior of Microsoft will most certainly continue to increase the barriers of entry to the market and will eventually strengthen its place in the computer market.

Thank You,

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